THE FORME OF THE COMMISSION FOR A NEW VALUATION.

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Kings most Excellent MAJESTIE, 1649.

THE Estates of Parliament taking unto their consideration the many complaints & grievances within the Kingdom, against the unequality that hath been in bearing publick burthens, & being desirous that all the shires of the Kingdome, and every person within the same, may bear an equall proportion, according to the true worth of their Estates. Therefore they do nominate and appoint for the Sheriffdom of

or either of them conveeners for the first meeting, and

which Commissioners for the said Shire shall meet on Thursday the thirtieth of *August* next, or sooner, as the Conveeners shall appoint, and choose a Clerk and other members of Court necessary, and the Estates of Parliament doe Ordaine the said conveeners, or either of them to take the solemne oaths of the saids Commissioners, that they shall use their best endeavours for a right and true information of the whole rents of the said Shire, and that they shall proceed faithfully and impartially in prosecuting their Commission, and the Instructions relating thereunto: With power to the said Commissioners, or the major part of them as a *Quorum*, and if the major part exceed five, five to be a *Quorum*, to rectifie & improve to the best avail the former valuations; And for that effect, to direct our summonds against such person or persons within the Shire, as they shall think fit to compeir before them, and to declare upon Oath the true Rents of any Paroch or place of the Shire, according to their knowledge, and in case any shall contemn or refuse to compeir and depone, to

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imprison or fyne them into a pecuniall summe, not exceeding one hundred pounds, and to take all such further Information, as they shall find necessary for getting knowledge of the true worth of the whole rents within the said Shire, aswell casuall rent of all sort, as constant rent in stock and teinds, and the true value and worth of every land and rent set in tak or Rentall, and what the true yeerly worth thereof is, by and attour the rentalled, or tak-duty thereof payable to the Master, (respect being had to the gressum or entresse, if any was payed by the Taksmen or Rentaller at his entrie; And of all Few, or Tak-duties payable to any person, his Majesties duties excepted) & of al other casualities paiable for stock, or teynd according to the table annexed. All which they are to value exactly, by converting the victuall into mony, according to the respective prices set down in the said table, & by converting casualities into mony, at the just rates which they give for the time in that Shire where the said casualities & commodities are valued. With power likewise to the said Commissioners, or the major part of them as the *Quorum*, and if the major part exceed five, five to be the *Quorum*, to take all former valuations into consideration, and rectifie the same where they have been unjustly valued, and where they find that any person hath been undervalued, to augment the valuation of their rent to the true worth, and adde the same to the totall of the rent of the Shire, and thereby bring the whole rent of the Shire to the ful value, and also reduce the whole Shire to an equality and proportion among themselves. And in the forming their report, the said Commissioners shal set down a Roll for every Paroch, which in the first place shall contain the mony rent of the Paroch. Secondly, the quantity of the victuall payed in the Paroch, and the severall species thereof, and what measure, and how much the same doth amount unto, being converted into mony. Thirdly, the kind of casualities or customs payed for stock, or teynd, the number thereof, and the price of each casuality

distinctly, and how much the same doth extend to in whole, being converted into mony. Fourthly, the casuall rent according to the table, & what it doth extend to. Fiftly, the Few and Tak-duties, (his Majesties excepted) and what the same doth extend to. Sixthly, the mortified rent, & how paied in mony, victuall, or casuality, and what the same doth amount to. Sevently, the duties paied to his Majesties Exchequer, & the sum thereof; And after the Roll of all the Paroches are set down, then they are to cast up the total of the valuation of the whole Shire, by & attour the mortified rent & duties paied to the Exchequer, which are to be summed in an Article a part, and in a third Article they are to set down the totall of their former valuation, which is herewith delivered to the Commissioners for ilk Shire, under the Clerk Registers hand, and lastly they are to set down what this present valuation to be made, doth exceed the former valuation; In all which, the form and pattern subjoyned, is to be observed. And the said Commissioners are to subscrive the Report formed as aforesaid, and to deliver the same to the Clerk Register or his Deputes, betwixt and the first of *November* next to come, and in case any Shire shall fail therein, or shall bring in a Report not agreeable to the Rules and Directions now prescrived, they shall pay the halfe more of maintenance then they are appointed to pay by the present Act of Mainteance, ay & while they produce & report their valuations in manner before prescrived, and if the failzie shall be on the part of the valuers, or any of them; the rest of the Shire shall have their releif off them. And further, the Comissioners are to send one from each Shire with the said valuations against the first of *Novemb.* which Commissioners shall meet with the Committee of Estates for comparing the said valuations, and perfecting the same, that they may be a Rule for the future in imposing all publick burthens according to an equal proportion, and if there be any difference which cannot be setled by the Committee of Estates, and the saids Commissioners, that it be referred to the Parliament: And it is

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hereby declared, that no respect shall be had to any valuation to be reported, that shall be under the totall of the former valuation, which is herewith delivered to the Commissioners of ilk Shire by the Clerk Register, *Extractum.*

The totall of the former valuation of this Shire is, ——

Forme of the Report to be made by each Shire.

THe Roll of the Rent of the Sheriffdome of *A.* made and set down by the Commissioners under subscriving, appointed for that effect by Act of the Estates of Parliament of this Kingdome, holden at *Edinburgh* the fourth of *Auguſt*, 1649. which Commissioners having met on the day of *Auguſt* last, and having judicially given their oathes to use their best endeavours for a right and true Information of the Rents of the whole Shire, and to proceed faithfully and impartially in prosecuting their Commission, and Instructions relating thereunto, which they have carefully performed in every point; After serious and mature deliberation, they have made and set down the Roll following in Articles according to the number of the severall Parishes within the said Shire, and have cast up the summes according to the direction of the Parliament.

I. *A. B.* For himselfe and remanent Heretor, Fewers, Life-Renters, proper Wood-setters, and others within the Parish, of their mony rent, doth extend to.

II. Payed of wheat in the said Parish Chalders, and Bolls according to the measure of *Lynlithgow* prick met, which being converted into mony at the price of for every Boll extends to

Of Bear in the said Parish Chalders and

Bolls according to the measure of *Lynlithgow* prick met, which being converted into mony, at the price of for every Boll extends to

Of Meal in the said Parish, &c. as before concerning the Wheat and Beer.

Of Rye in the said Parish, &c.

Of Pease and Beans in the said Parish, &c.

Of Oats in the said Parish, &c.

The Summe of the price of the whole victuall, and money in each Parish, to be set down at length, and also in figures on the Margine, on the right hand.

III. Payd of casualities or customes in the said Parish.

IV. Payd in casuall Rent, for Coal.

For Salt.

For Fishings.

V. Payed in Few, and Tak-duties to other persons beside the duties payable to his Majesty.

VI. Payed in mortified Rent to the Minister and Schoolmaster, to the Colledge or hospital of in mony.

Payed in victuall and here to set down the severall species, the quantity and price, and the calualities, if any be with the kind, number and price, and to convert the same into mony, as before

Summe

Summe of the mortified Rent of the Parish.

VII. Payed to his Majesties Exchequer in mony
Payed in victuall or casualities, which being converted into mony, extends to

The totall of the present valuation of this Shire, beside the mortified Rent, and what is payed to the Exchequer extends to

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The totall of the former valuation of this Shire, extends to

The present valuation doth exceed the former.

Table of the prices of Victuall in the Respective Shires of the Kingdome

THe Wheat generally throughout the Kingdom, of *Lynlithgow* measure, price of the Boll thereof. 6.l.16.s.8.
Beer, Rye, Peale, of *Lynlithgow* measure in the Shire of *Lithgow*, *Edinburgh*, and *Haddington*. 5.l.6.s.8.
Oats and Meal there, of the measure foresaid. 4.l.13.s.4.
Beer, Peale, and Rye, of the foresaid measure, in *Teviodail*, *Merse*, *Selkirk*, and *Lauderdail*. 5.l.
Oates and Meale there. 4.l.6.s.8.
And because *Teviodail* hath five furlots in their Boll, therefore the fourth part of five pound ought to be added to the price of their Bowl, which is, 6.l.6.s.
In *Peibles*, *Lanerk*, *Air*, *Renfrew*, *Dumbartane*, and *Bute*, the Beer, Peale, and Rye, of the foresaid measure of *Lynlithgow*. 4.l.13.s.4.

And

And if the measure be more that it be augmented, conform, Meal, and Oats there. 4.l.10.s.

Wigtoun, and *Kirkcudbright*, Beer, and Meal. 4.l.16.s.8.

Of *Lithgow* measure in respect there single Bowl, is a Boll and a halfe of *Lithgow* measure, and there double Boll, is three Bowls of *Lithgow* measure, and therefore to be priced accordingly.

Dumfreis, *Annandail*, Beer & Meal of *Lithgow measure*, 4.l.16.s.8

And because their Boll is two Bolls and a halfe of *Lithgow* measure, the same is to be priced accordingly.

In *Fyfe*, *Angus*, *Pearth*, *Clakmannan*, *Stirling*, *Kinros*, Beer, Rye, and Peale, of *Lithgow* measure. 4.l.16.s.8.

Meal, and Oats there of the said measure; except *Angus*. 4.l.5.s.

And *Angus* Meal, 4.l.10.s.

Kincairdine, *Elgine*, *Nairn*, *Innernes*, *Ross*, *Cromarty*, *Sutherland*, Beer, Pease, and Rye, of *Lithgow* measure. 4.l.10.s.

Meale and Oats there, except *Kincairdine*. 4.l.10.s.

Meal in *Kincairdine*, of the measure foresaid. 4.l.6.s.8.

Aberdeen and *Bamff*, Beer of the measure foresaid. 4.l.6.s.8.

Meal and Oats there, of the measure foresaid. 4.l.

Orkney and *Carthnes* Beer, 3.l.10.s.

Meal there of *Lithgow* measure. 4.l.

By Casualities and Customes mentioned in the third Article of the form of the Report, is to be understood *Mart*, *Wedders*, *Lambs*, *Swine*, *Butter*, *Cheese*, *Oyle*, *Linnen cloath*, *Salmond*, and *Wooll*.

By Casuall Rent mentioned in the fourth Article, is to be understood, *Salt*, *Coale*, *Salmond-fishing*, and other fishings *in proprtio*, whereby there is yeerly benefit.

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